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AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RELATIONSHIP OF LEADING GOG MILITARY PERSONALITIES

REF: THESSALONIKI 215

1. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ARE TWO SEPARATE REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED ON PROTRACTED MEETING OF FIVE PRINCIPAL MILITARY REGIME LEADERS FOLLOWING DINNER HONORING PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS'S VISIT NIGHT OF APRIL 23. (REFTEL)

2. FIRST REPORT FROM SURE SOURCE WHO WAS PRESENT AND OBSERVED INCIDENT IS THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION DINNER AT 10 TO 10:30 P.M., THE PRESIDENT, GEN BONANOS, BGENS IOANNIDIS AND TASSOPOULOS, AND GEN DAVOS PROCEEDED TO LATTER'S QUARTERS ON TOP FLOOR OF OFFICER'S CLUB. MEETING THERE KNOWN TO HAVE CONTINUED INTO EARLY HOURS OF MORNING.

3. SECOND REPORT FROM FOREIGN SOURCE (FYI GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL) IS THAT SAME FIVE MEN PHOTOGRAPHED AT WELL KNOWN TAVERNA-RESTAURANT, KRIKELAS, AT ABOUT FOUR A.M. IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, EATING, DRINKING AND GENERALLY ENJOYING THEMSELVES. SOURCE STATED ONE OF HIS "COLLABORATORS" HAD ACTUALLY SEEN PICTURE. WE HAVE SEPARATELY CONFIRMED INCIDENT THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL

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PHOTOGRAPHER ( A FREELANCER, MICHAEL PAPPOUS) WHO REPORTED

THAT LATER SAME DAY, APRIL 24, HIS NEGATIVES WERE CONFISCATED BY MILITARY POLICE, AS WELL AS COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH HE HAD SOLD TO ELLINIKOS VORRAS.

4. COMMENT: SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS IS THAT AT FIRST GASP THEY WOULD SEEM RUN COUNTER TO SOME RUMORS CURRENT THAT DEEP-SEATED DIFFERENCES EXIST AMONG TOP GOG MILITARY LEADERS. ON OTHER HAND, PUBLIC SETTING OF LATER GATHERING COULD INDICATE DESIRE FOR OPEN DISPLAY OF SOLIDARITY, WHICH WOULD NOT GO UNNOTICED IN GOSSIPY THESSALONIKI. (IN THIS REGARD, INTERESTING THAT AUSTERE GHIZIKIS WAS PARTY TO THIS LATE REVELRY.) ON BALANCE WE INCLINED BELIEVE THAT AFTER FEW HOURS' BUSINESS DISCUSSION BOYS DECIDED GO OUT ON TOWN AND LOOSEN UP A BIT, (WHICH TASSOPOULOS AT LEAST PRONE TO DO) AND DIDN'T CARE IF GATHERING NOTED PROVIDED IT NOT GIVEN UNDUE OR ADVERSE PUBLICITY.  
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